and Financial Reconstruction in 1992 and Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL), in 2000. Government have decided to close down HFC, FCI excepting its Jodhpur Mining Organisation, and Dehradun and Saladipura units of PPCL.

(c) At the time of taking the decision, none of these units was in operation so as to have any effect on the availability of urea fertilizers in the country.

Vintage Allowance to Fertilizer Units

1094. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether private sector fertilizer plants have stopped getting vintage allowance from Government; if so, whether it would render the urea units financially weak;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to assist these units;

(c) how much money Government are trying to recover from the fertilizer industry which was given to them by way of vintage allowance; and

(d) the names of the companies and the outstanding dues against each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (d) Vintage Allowance of 5% each both in respect of capacity utilization and consumption norm for urea units, whether in the private sector or in public sector/cooperative sector that had been in operation for ten years or more, was introduced during the V Pricing Period w.e.f. 1.4.1988 as one of the policy parameters within the overall framework of Retention Price Scheme. The policy parameters/norms including Vintage Allowance for the V Pricing Period were continued for the VI Pricing Period i.e., up to 30.6.1997. After consideration of all relevant issues, the Government decided to withdraw Vintage Allowance in phases during VII Pricing Period, i.e. 5% Vintage Allowance has been allowed during 1997-98, 4% during 1998-99 and 2% during 1999-2000. Thus, Vintage Allowance has been completely withdrawn w.e.f. 1.4.2000 as the actual performance of the urea units both in respect of capacity utilization and consumption norms did not justify continuation of Vintage Allowance any longer.

The names of urea units, which have availed Vintage Allowance, are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below). The amount of money on this account,

which has already been adjusted/recovered or is yet to be recovered arising from overall implementation of policy parameters for the VII and VIII Pricing Periods, differs from unit to unit depending upon facts of each case.

Statement

Names of the urea manufacturing units which have availed Vintage Allowance

Sl. No.	Name of the urea manufacturing unit
1.	GSFC-Baroda
2.	KRIBHCO-Hazira
3.	RCF-Thal
4.	RCF-Trombay-V
5.	FACT-Cochin
6.	DUNCANS-Kanpur
7.	IFFCO-Phulpur-I
8.	MCFL-Mangalore
9.	MFL-Chennai
10.	SFC-Kota
11.	SPIC-Tuticorin
12.	ZIL-Goa
13.	FCI_Sindri
14.	GNFC-Bharuch
15.	NLC-Neyveli
16.	NFL-Nangal
17.	NFL-Bhatinda
18.	NFL-Panipat
19.	IFFCO-Kalol
20.	HFC-Namrup-III
21.	IFFCO-Aonla-I
22.	INDOGULF-Jagdishpur
23.	NFL-Vijaipur-I

Prices of Imported Formulations

1095. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NPPA had been fixing the prices of all the imported formulations;